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SUBJECT: THAI REQUEST FOR BRIEFING ON U.S.-SUPPLIED EQUIP-
MENT STILL IN VIET-NAM

1. DOD HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY APPROACHED BY THE THAI MILITARY
WITH A REQUEST THAT THEY BE BRIEFED ON THE AMOUNTS AND TYPES
OF U.S.-SUPPLIED MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH WAS LEFT IN INDO-
CHINA AND WHICH HAS NOW PROBABLY BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE
NEW REGIMES.

2. WHILE WE SEE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES IN IT, WE
WOULD LIKE TO BE FORTHCOMING TO THIS REQUEST. THE THAIS
ARE JUSTIFIABLY CONCERNED OVER CURRENT NORTH VIETNAMESE
MILITARY CAPABILITIES, AND WE PRESUMABLY SHOULD BE ABLE TO
PROVIDE THEM WITH USEFUL INFORMATION. DOD IS THINKING OF
SENDING VON MARBOD TO PROVIDE A FULL BRIEFING.

3. BEFORE RESPONDING TO THE THAI REQUEST, HOWEVER, WE
WOULD LIKE YOUR REACTION. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED

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ABOUT HOW THE PROVISION OF THIS INFORMATION COULD AFFECT

THE RTG'S PERCEPTION OF THE POTENTIAL THREAT AGAINST IT
FROM HANOI. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS AS TO THE POSSI-
BLE IMPACT OF SUCH A BRIEFING ON RTG WILLINGNESS TO PERMIT
THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSITION OF THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT

RECOVERED FROM CAMBODIA AND VIET-NAM AND NOW LOCATED IN
THAILAND. INGERSOLL

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